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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a health care provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In October 2014, the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Cyndi M. McBain** (LP00028789). The Department of Social and Health Services found that between January 1 and 31, 2013, McBain neglected and abused a vulnerable adult living at an adult family home she owned and operated. McBain didn't seek appropriate and timely medical intervention and treatment for a resident who had developed multiple pressure ulcers.

Grant County

In November 2014, the secretary of health suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional Estela Yarrito (CP00003751) for five years. Yarrito's treatment notes showed inaccurate diagnoses, under-placement in levels of care, missing treatment plans, missing progress notes, and failure to report non-compliance by her clients.

Grays Harbor County

In November 2014, the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Alicia M. Johanson** (NC60042258) after she admitted to using a client's charge account to purchase new tires for her vehicle. She also admitted she didn't finish making payments on the bill and left a large, past due balance charged to her client.

King County

In November 2014, the Unlicensed Practice Program ordered **Ashley Friedrich** to cease and desist from engaging in any and all conduct constituting the practice of dental assistant and dental hygienist in Washington unless she first obtains appropriate licensure or otherwise meets an exemption. Between 2010 and 2012, Friedrich worked in a dental office and took x-rays of patients, assisted with fillings and root canals, made temporaries and did cord-packing around patient gums. Friedrich also has to pay a \$1,000.00 fine.

In March 2014, the secretary of health placed the license of chemical dependency professional **Robin A. MacNeill** (CP00006229) on probation for three years or for the duration of her contract with the Washington Health Professional Services monitoring program, whichever is longer. In September 2014 the secretary suspended MacNeill's license for failing to comply with the requirements of the March 2014 order.

In November 2014, the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of registered nurse **Debra G. McNeely** (RN00156589) for at least two years after she admitted to having a heroin and methamphetamine addiction. Before petitioning to have her license reinstated, McNeely must show she has been clean and sober for two consecutive years.

In November 2014, the Medical Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of physician and surgeon **Kathryn A. Neraas** (MD00029993) after finding she was unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety. Neraas may petition to have her license reinstated after she submits a psychological evaluation by an independent evaluator. To be considered for reinstatement, she must also be endorsed by Washington Physicians Health Program as able to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety.

Island County

In November 2014, the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse **Gail Ann Linville** (RN60211514); she surrendered her California registered nursing license after admitting to being under the influence of alcohol while on duty.

Pierce County

In October 2014, the secretary of health suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional **Scott E. Bateman** (CP60026524) for at least five years. While employed as a chemical dependency professional, he became romantically involved with a former client

between three and four months after completing her evaluation and assessment. He and his former client had a child together in July 2012. That child was taken to Children's Hospital at about three months old where she was found to have benzodiazepines in her urine. The Department of Social and Health services issued findings that Bateman had provided negligent treatment or engaged in mistreatment of a child.

Skagit County

In November 2014, the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Laura C. Edwards** (RN00134145) for not complying with the terms of an earlier agreed order requiring her to be in compliance with an existing Washington Health Professional Services monitoring contract.

Snohomish County

In March 2014, the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Stacey Elaine Galovic** aka **Stacy Scudder** (RN00116513) for not complying with terms of an earlier agreed order. Galovic tested positive for Adderall without an approved prescription; she took her deceased mother-in-law's medications, and tested positive for Methadone without a prescription.

In March 2014, the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Richard Alan LaRue** (CO60174460) for not complying with a monitoring contract with the Washington Health Professional Services. LaRue didn't check in with the monitoring program approximately 22 times, tested positive for alcohol during one urine drug screen, and submitted diluted urine for another drug screen.

In March 2014, the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Isatou Gassam Manka** (NA60287963 and NC60323822) for at least three years after being found to have committed unprofessional conduct. Manka was seen kissing a patient who was in her care in a vehicle away from the adult family home where she worked and where the patient lived. She admitted to kissing and hugging the patient in his room and said she had fallen in love with the patient.

In August 2014, the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Subha L. Reddy** (NA00193267) for at least five years. Reddy, while employed as a caregiver, stole several pieces of jewelry from a patient's home where she was working. Reddy took that jewelry and sold it at a pawn shop for \$525.00.

Spokane County

In February 2014 the secretary of health issued a cease-and-desist order on **Hearts N Hands Home Care** in Spokane County. Hearts N Hands Home Care was operating without a license between April 11 and June 2, 2013. Hearts N Hands cannot advertise in-home services until licensed to do so. Hearts N Hands Home Care was assessed a fine in the amount of \$11,750.00.

In July 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Alicia Marie McDonald** (NA60162128). While working as a housekeeper at an adult family home in Colfax, McDonald was found to have a resident's missing iPad in her personal vehicle.

In July 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Amber Raye Langley** (NA60419465). After being found to have taken \$55.75 of a client's money for her personal use, Langley was found by the Department of Social and Health Services to have financially exploited a vulnerable adult and is prohibited from being employed in the care of and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In July 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Tammy J. Tucker** (NA60072620) for at least two years. While working at an adult family home, two hydrocodone pills came up missing at the end of Tucker's shift. Only she and her co-worker had access to the narcotics. Tucker has yet to supply the department with a statement about the incident as requested.

Stevens County

In November 2014 the Nursing Commission placed registered nurse Chris M. Base (RN00172925) on probation for at least three years after finding she committed unprofessional conduct by practicing beyond her scope. During her probationary period, Base may only practice where a supervising nurse is onsite, accessible, and capable of providing indirect supervision. Base cannot work for a home health agency or practice in a community care setting. She also must pay \$2,000 in fines by November 2015, write a 1,000-word essay on why registered nurses cannot prescribe medication, and complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education.

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